

Appl. No. 09/839,100
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

In order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention, the Applicants have cancelled the previously pending claims and submit herewith new claims 17-22. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected all previously pending claims as being anticipated by Telia, (International Publication No. WO 00/11886). Whereas the Applicants have cancelled all previously pending claims, the Applicants will address the patentability of new claims 17-22 in view of Telia.

Claim 17 recites:

17. A method in a communication network for invoking services, the communication network comprising at least two service entities, the method comprising the steps of:

a) deducing at a mobile terminal necessary support and service components for providing one or more end-user services;

b) constructing at said mobile terminal at least one configuration request message for invoking individual service components composing said one or more end-user services;

c) transmitting, in accordance with pre-defined criteria, said at least one configuration request message from said mobile terminal to a service invoking unit within said communications network; and

d) receiving said at least one configuration request message at said service invoking unit, said service invoking unit operable to:

1) determine said individual service components from said at least one configuration request; and,

2) transmitting messages to said at least two service entities to invoke said individual service components necessary to provide said one or more end-user services to said mobile terminal, wherein all decisions about the composing of the service and the way of forwarding the requests is made by said mobile terminal, whereby said one or more end-user services are provided to said mobile terminal based one said configuration request message constructed by said mobile terminal. (emphasis added)

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Telia describes a "teleservice management system" that is located in a network and takes care of all intelligent work needed to support the provisioning of a plurality of complex teleservices. The teleservice management system has the responsibility for negotiation and settlement of agreements with participants. In contrast, as noted by the emphasized portions of claim 17, the Applicants' invention is characterized by a terminal centric solution, with all knowledge and intelligence placed in a mobile terminal. In a separate unit within the network (the "service invoking unit"), the ordering of the resources is executed. Each configuration request is forwarded from the mobile terminal in accordance with pre-defined criteria; i.e., negotiations are made and agreements are settled beforehand. Thus, the intelligence to find a suitable functionality to provide an end-user service is provided in the mobile terminal; the service invoking unit only executes the distribution of requests to service entities. Important advantages for using the service invoking unit are the possibility for the network to distribute the load, decrease mobile terminal communications, and the mobile terminal doesn't need to find the address to all serving entities. These advantages are not provided by the teleservice management system described by Telia. Accordingly, claim 17 is not anticipated by Telia.

Whereas independent claims 19 and 21 recites limitations analogous to those of claim 17, those claims are also not anticipated by Telia. Furthermore, whereas claims 18, 20 and 22 are dependent from claims 17, 19 and 21, respectively, and include the limitations thereof, those claims are also not anticipated by Telia.

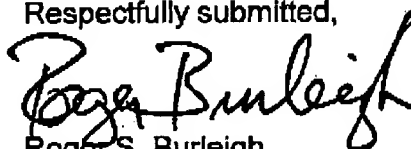
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 17-22.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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